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BRIEFS

■ Dems launch 'Americans For Change': Democrats announced an innovative grassroots program called "Americans For Change" that supports the Clinton-Gore ticket by allowing citizens to become involved in the Party's commitment to economic and political change. An integral part of the plan will be a new toll-free number, 1-800-FOR-BILL, that will foster participation in the political process by giving citizens the opportunity to donate or volunteer for "Americans For Change."—TRENTON

■ Democrats celebrate Women's Equality Day: Gov. Jim Florio and his wife Lucinda recognized New Jersey's elected officials and honored four women for their achievements in the arts, business, education and public service at the third annual Women's Equality Day luncheon. This year's "New Jersey Proud Honorees" were painter Bernarda Bryson Shahn, Atlantic Industrial Hardware President Carole D. Iannelli, Kean College President Dr. Elga Jackson and Rosemary R. Jackson, executive director of the Camden Urban Woman Center.—EAST BRUNSWICK

Show to support Whitney Young Classic

NEWARK—Councilman-at-Large Gary Harris is boosting a pep rally and marching band extravaganza, which will be held on Friday, September 11, 1992, from noon to 2 p.m. at the PSE&G Plaza (corner of Raymond Boulevard & Park Place) in Newark. At that time, the Councilman will be joined by representatives from the United Negro College Fund, the Urban League, the Whitney M. Young Classic's Regional Office, as well as other Elected Officials. Members of the Municipal Council and Mayor Sharpe James are also expected to participate. In addition to the pep rally, Councilman Harris has co-

peaked "of what crowds can expect during Saturday's game. Depending on availability, they may be joined by one or more high school marching bands, and/or the Drum & Bugle Corps." Newark Marching 100.

The purpose of the Whitney M. Young Football Classic, according to Councilman Harris, is to help provide scholarships to young people, help fund the United Negro College Fund, and to benefit Grambling University of Louisiana and Virginia Union of Richmond, VA, both southern, predominantly Black schools which have educated thousands of local young adults.

"This is the kind of excitement and positive activity we need to publicize," stated Harris. "Too often we only hear about the negative activities our young people are involved in. I hope the schools, since they let out early that day, direct this information to the students so they can come over and experience, firsthand, this cultural exchange."

The entire community is invited to the pep rally. For information on tickets to Saturday's game, contact Mr. Jay Johnson, regional coordinator for the Whitney M. Young Football Classic, at 678-8366, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

Victim's mother speaks out



Newark resident Cynthia Brown (right) holds a picture of her daughter, the late Kamisha Brown, as she joins Governor Jim Florio at a press conference in East Orange during which he voiced his opposition to the Legislature's vote to repeal the ban on certain types of assault weapons. Kamisha Brown, 15, was shot and killed with a Tec-9 assault weapon on March 7. Also participating was Nethella Brown, aunt of Kamisha.

Irvington Board of Education makes positive changes

by Jacynth Clarke

IRVINGTON—The Board of Education has appointed Dr. Roger M. Lewis, former Superintendent of the Roosevelt Union Free School district in Long Island, NY, as Superintendent of the Irvington school district. Lewis, whose term began August 17, is making changes to improve test scores, increase the attendance rate and increase communication among students, faculty and parents. Several

possals are being implemented. A pilot program for children ages three and four will begin in June 1993. Lewis said, "This program will have a high scope curriculum geared toward teaching and learning skills as opposed to just socialization skills. It will be phased into full-day kindergarten classes."

By September 1994, Montgomery School will accommodate pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, and there will be two or three Junior High schools instead of one, each consisting of grades

six, seven and eight. Irvington High School is also being renovated to utilize its students. Due to overcrowding at the high school, schedules will be rearranged and there will be additional facilities for vocational programs.

Lewis said, "Specialized workshops focusing on self-esteem, conflict resolution, group consciousness and motivation will be implemented to increase 5% more students, teachers, parents and supporting staff than last year." By June 1993, small-cultural educational training will be provided for teachers and a

parenting skills center for parents.

"The theme for the 92/93 academic year is Success," Lewis continued with enthusiasm. "Talent, staff, effective home-school-community partnership. Appropriate curriculum and Motivationalism along with School-United Community. Students are what makes TEAM SUCCESS."

Lewis is looking forward "to having an exciting year, one which will enhance students to perform to the optimum level of their capacity."

changes, some of which require a charter change, which he believes would strengthen the city's government and make it more efficient and responsive to the electorate.

According to the report released by the committee, one of the advantages of Plainfield's present charter is its flexibility. The present charter needs to be changed, however, because it reflects "a time when Plainfield was responding to problems created by a period of poor race relations and economic problems within the city. Since that time, new ethnic and socio-economic constituencies have grown to significance in (Plainfield). . . . While the Charter Study Committee realized that its proposals as a whole would not solve all of the problems that face Plainfield and its citizens, it strongly recommended that the council act to effect these changes as a bold step in the direction of a better, more efficient

government for the city. The committee also considered the economic impact of their proposals and they believed that the changes could be accomplished in a cost effective manner.

One of the recommendations made by the committee was for biannual elections for city council candidates. According to Article II, Section 3-4 of the charter, "The mayor and 1st ward are elected together, 4th ward and at-large 2-3 are elected the next year, 2nd ward and at-large 1-4 are elected the next year, and at-large city wide and 3rd ward are elected the next year."

The committee proposes to retain the four year terms for council members and the mayor. However, the mayor and the three at-large candidates would be elected in the same odd year to serve four year terms, and two years later there would be elections in each of the four wards.

Those who agree with the proposal argue that with political battles every year, the mayor and council aren't given any time to settle in before the political frays start all over again.

They also argue that the (at least) two new office holders, who may not have the council members' knowledge and experience in the office for a while, but may also slow down the council's deliberations as they are acquiring their experience.

Workshops or training sessions for new office holders are also difficult or expensive if conducted every year for just two people. With biannual elections, there would be four office holders for the training activities.

Finally, political campaigns can be expensive annual affairs but would be less expensive if done biannually.

Arguments against the proposal for biannual elections state that the current method has worked for years. Opposes of the proposal feel that with elections every year, the public has an opportunity to express itself frequently. Also, with annual elections, all office holders are kept constantly aware of public opinion because they see the candidates defending policies and proposing new ideas and they see the public response.

Finally, those in opposition to the proposal feel that electing four people at one time might allow four inexperienced people to be on the council at one time.

What do you think? We would like to know your opinion. Send your comments to: CITY NEWS, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

America's silent disaster Let's not forget

By Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The misery index continues to climb. Fueled by both man-made and natural disasters, people all over the world are suffering. Whether it be the millions of people who are dying everyday in Somalia from a devastating drought and senseless warfare between the various clans, the thousands of people left homeless by Hurricane Andrew in Florida and Louisiana, the tidal waves that have flooded communities and wrecked havoc in Nicaragua, the desperate struggle of the Muslim population of Sarajevo to break the five-month Serb siege, or—dare we ever forget—the ongoing continued destruction of African-American youth in this country, we are witnessing an ugly reality of the "new world order."

While it's impossible to predict natural disasters, the man-made ones are both predictable and controllable. For example, the crisis in Somalia where thousands of people are literally dying in the streets, is a result of the years of Somalia

being the pawn in the Cold War chess game between the United States and the Soviet Union. When the United States wanted to put a check on what they viewed as the Soviet Union's influence in this region, particularly in Ethiopia, they backed military dictators in Somalia, and supplied arms and weapons. Most of the automatic rifles, machine guns and anti-tank guns which we see being brandished about, have virtually all come from the United States. Now that the people need food, all they have is guns in their hands.

The world doesn't seem to care, or want to be bothered. While the pictures of men, women and children being butchered in Sarajevo has sparked some to at least focus on this hot spot, the world seems to have become immune to the faces of hundreds of thousands of African men, women and children dying from malnutrition and hunger in Somalia. There has been an increase in media coverage of this disaster, which has lead toward some movement in relief efforts, but unfortunately, for millions of Somalians

the aid is too late. Estimates are that over a quarter of the children of Somalia have died, and more will die. The children who will survive are expected to suffer both physically and mentally for the rest of their lives.

Likewise, African-American children here in the United States continue to suffer from years of neglect and oppression. In a recent report released by the Census Bureau, statistics showed that African-American children are three times as likely to be poor as white children. In fact, African and Native American children had the highest percentages of children living below the poverty line at 38.8% and 37.6% respectively. According to the Census Bureau report, African-Americans and Native-Americans have fared worse off than those statistics reported in the 1980 Census, with the lowest median household incomes and the highest poverty and unemployment rates. Hispanic-Americans also saw a rise in their poverty rates.

If we analyze the statistics affecting African-American chil-

dren, along with the reports which document the statistics about the increase in the incarceration rate of African-American youth, and the decrease in educational and economic opportunities, we must begin to make sure that this man-made disaster is not forgotten. If the current trend continues, our young people, particularly African-American males, will be the faces of despair and hopelessness that the rest of the world sees on the cable news wires across the world.

As people join in the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Andrew, let us not forget those who have been ravished by Hurricane America for years. It's so easy for people to forget, or push to the side, those problems and issues that aren't particularly popular, or politically advantageous. It's up to us to help ourselves, and that includes the importance of being directly affected by those causes which affect our people. If we forget, then the world will. The results could be what we see happening in Somalia: Too little, too late.

Big Haitian demonstration at the White House

By Benjamin L. Hooks

WASHINGTON—This week, on Wednesday, September 9, African-Americans who are outraged at the Bush administration's executive order of May 24, in which it waded its hands in Haiti, will join the NAACP and TransAfrica in a mass demonstration of civil disobedience at the White House.

For more than a decade now, the courts have repeatedly allowed our government's discriminatory treatment of the Haitians despite the fact that not only is it inhumane, but also illegal.

The recent decision of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, granting an injunction to halt the gross abuse of the Haitians, challenges the legality of the administration's May 24 executive order. The court found that the ex-

ecutive order violated the Refugee Act of 1980, which states that the United States may not repatriate individuals who have a "well-founded fear of persecution."

The campaign of the NAACP and TransAfrica will protest the Bush administration's cruel and discriminatory policy and will also focus the responsibility of Congress to act before the Haitians are forced into the U.S. without benefit of hearings on their claims to political asylum, and strengthening sanctions against Haiti's illegal government, including restrictions on visas and assets in the U.S. owned by those who engineered and supported the coup.

PEOPLE

People on the move

Barbara Foster
Better late than never! Congratulations to **Barbara Foster** of Newark for being named Employee of the Month by **Month of June** for the month of **JUNE**. (Cops! We

apologize for our lateness.) Foster, mother of one, has worked for the city for three and a half years and has volunteered her services "wherever she was needed" with various city organizations for over five years. **Ms. Barbara Wright Bell**, president of The Amelior Foundation, Dr. Saul Fenster, president of New Jersey Institute of Technology, Dr. Eric Munoz, Medical Director at University College of Medicine and Dentistry, and **The Newark Boys Choir** will all be honored at a black tie dinner sponsored by the Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday, November 6 at the Newark Airport Marriott. They will all be honored for being positive role models for young people. Ann



Nora McDaniell (L), Helen Waldron (R) and Freeholder Alan M. Augustine
G. Sterling of Upper Montclair, has been named director of operations planning for the Nabisco Biscuit Company. Sterling, a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology who received an M.B.A. from Wake

Forest University, joined the company in 1981 and has been managing budgets and planning since 1990. Patricia Wells-Loyal of Columbia has been awarded free use of a Mary Kay pink Cadillac, one of the company's most coveted prizes. Wells-Loyal, a Mary Kay independent Sales Director, was awarded the use of the car in recognition of leadership and sales achievements. **Nora McDaniell** and **Helen Waldron**, both former residents of Plainfield, recently celebrated their 100th birthdays at Runwell's Specialized Hospital of Union County. **Fleeta Barnes** of Plainfield accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of First Fidelity Bancorporation, for which she is Vice President and Regional Public Affairs Manager. The certificate, presented by the Union County Government at a "Corporate Thank-You Night," expressed thanks for First Fidelity's being a Summer Arts Festival Friend for the third year. Dr. Elaine Gardiner of Ridgewood has been named dean of the School of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences at William Paterson College (WPC) in Wayne. Before coming to WPC, Gardiner was Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of undergraduate studies at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts. **James W. Robinson** of Ewing has been appointed dean of the school of business at Trenton State College (TSC). A former vice president for academic affairs and professor of management at



Fleeta Barnes (C), Jerry Goldman (L) and Freeholder Frank H. LaPrade (R)

Bryant College in Smithfield, RI, he replaces former Dean Anthony W. Hantjes, who retired in June after 27 years at TSC. Also, **Mary Biggs**, formerly of Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, has been appointed to the position of director of TSC's Roscoe L. West Library. Dr. Robert A. Scott, President of Ramapo College and head of the Commission on International Education for the American Council on Education, will travel in September to Europe for a major international forum to discuss global education. In his address before the Higher Education Program of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, Dr. Scott will discuss the reasons that undergraduate education must be reformed to reflect the changing world and describe the ways in which Ramapo College is a model for intercontinental education.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PATERSON — The Black Forum presents a lecture on "How to Buy and Invest in Real Estate" presented by Jim Rolando at 6:00 p.m. at the Pateron Free Public Library. For more information call 201-742-2721.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

OCEAN CITY — The Super Fifties Weekend will take place at the Ocean City Music Pier through to the 13. For more information call 1-800-BEACHNJ.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NEWARK — The Help Fest, Inc. and the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs will hold its second annual "Moon Cooking for Youth" fund raiser at Rutgers University, featuring samples of culinary delights prepared by male chefs. For more information call 201-623-3220.

PLAINFIELD — The Historical Society of Plainfield will host Barry Furer, who will discuss his collection of John Philip Sousa Memorabilia, at the Drake House Museum. Among Furer's memorabilia are posters and portraits of the composer who is credited with inspiring the founding of marching bands across the country. For more information call 908-755-5931

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

UPPER MONTCLAIR — Dr. C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General of the United States, will give the inaugural lecture of the Nicholas Martin Center for Public Policy at Montclair State. Reception will follow. For more information call 201-693-4333

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Public Library will present "Columbus Then, Columbus Now," a four evening lecture series commemorating the Columbus Quincentennial. The first lecture will be presented by John M. Murin, Prof. of History at Princeton University. For more information call 908-354-3000.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GLASSBORO — An all day African festival will be held at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center. There will be African American art and other collectibles, African food and music on hand. A special reading will be presented by Ewane Oseayande, poet and author of the upcoming book, *Country in the Heart of Outrage* at the program's finale. For more information call 609-384-3555.

ATLANTIC CITY

will be the Miss America Pageant. For more information call 609-345-7571.

STONE HARBOR

The Wings N' Water Festival will take place through to the 20 at the Wetlands Institute. For more information call 609-398-1211.

BELVIDERE

The Garden State Wine Growers' Fall Festival will take place at Four Sisters Winery through to September 20. Great food and a shopping center are some of the highlights. For more information call 908-475-3671.

PLAINFIELD

— Plainfield Action Services will be distributing free commodities for Plainfield residents only who are pre-registered with PAS at Hubbard Junior High School, 1000 East 10th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until supplies have been exhausted or 4:00 p.m., regardless of race, creed or religion or sex, age, handicap or origin. For more information call 908-755-5931.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

OCEANVILLE — The American Brass Quintet will perform at The Noyes Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The program will consist of 20th Century, Elizabethan and Renaissance pieces including *Music for Brass* by George Walker of Montclair, NJ and *Delecta Voies* by David Sampson of Morrisville, NJ. For more information call 908-522-8848.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NEWARK — The International Black Women's Congress will hold its 8th Annual National Conference, Friday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Radisson Hotel. This year's theme is the Political Socialization of Black Women: Empowerment. The Key Note Speaker is Sonia Sanchez. For more information call 201-562-0570.

SUMMIT

— The mixed media and acrylic works of Rashid Arshad will be exhibited in the Members' Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, through Sept. 27-9121.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

JERSEY CITY The New Jersey Ethnic Festival will take place at Liberty State Park through to the 27th. Ethnic performers and a Parade of Nations are some of the highlights. For more information call 908-564-7145.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 31

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Public Li-

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WAYNE — The Wayne Chamber Orchestra will begin its seventh season with the world premiere "Songbook" by composer Hugh Altman. The concert, to be held in the Shea Center for Performing Arts at William Paterson College, begins at 8 p.m. For more information call the Shea Center Box Office at 201-585-2371.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NEWARK — African American Education Committee, a branch of The Sharing Network, presents "The Black Family: Health Issues in the Nineties." Lecture and all day workshop given by Dr. Cleve Caldwell and the Howard University Hospital Transplant Program. The event is to be held at the Radisson Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 201-379-4535.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CHATEAUX The Chateaux Cranberry Festival will take place through to the 25th featuring storytelling, quilt patch contests, an antique car show, and more. For more information call 609-559-9701 or 609-94-8232.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEWARK — The 4th Annual Breakfast for the Civic Association for County President Donald Bradley will be held at the Quality Inn Hotel, 50 Park Place. For more information call 201-625-9315.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SOUTH ORANGE — Seton Hall University will hold its annual Career Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Bishop Donnelly Student Center. For more information call 201-761-5555.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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City News/Minority Business Journal

Election '92 Poll

We heard from you! The results of last week's question: Will minority businesses fare better under a Bush/Quayle or Clinton/Gore administration?

96% think they will

9% think they won't

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Coping

The invisible race riot

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

For the past two weeks, we have talked about the horrors of racism. Last week we found out exactly how a black person feels about racism and about the people who are racist.

If you are black, you experience possibly hundreds of instances of racism, every day of your life, until you are nearly driven crazy about it. You are disrespected, treated with blatant rudeness, rejected for jobs and housing by people who often make it obvious that they are discriminating against you. They don't care if you know it. They often want you to know it. They seem to want to insult you with racism and then rub your face in it. You feel that they hate you and they don't give a damn if you know it. Sometimes you get the impression that they would like to see all black people to die or to disappear. You suspect that there is a racist plot to get rid of you.

Black don't reject you because you are black. Nor do Hispanics, or Native Americans. The people who seem to hate you are white. Not all whites hate you, but most do. And

you don't know how to distinguish between the good and the bad. So you are cautious. You have experienced millions of instances of racism in your life. Now you are paranoid. "Why do they hate me? I haven't done anything to hurt white people," you think "hell, I would like to see all of them die."

You don't really mean it. You really are totally frustrated. You just wish that white people would either treat you with respect or leave you alone. But you know that most whites are racist. You see it every day. You experience it every day. You know that your government actually openly condones racism, you are skeptical of all whites. They say that you are a black racist. You don't feel like a racist. You don't hate white people simply because of the color of their skin. But since 90% of the people who reject you because of your color are white, you are tense around white people. You think that they will be abusive to you.

In fact, you can almost predict how a white person will treat you, even before you meet him/her. You

have become an expert in predicting racism. After all, your ugly experiences in this society have given you a sensitivity to how people will treat you. You are almost always right when you predict the treatment that you will receive when you come into contact with white people.

Many white people, who should know better, refer to you as a black racist. This shows you how unaware they are of the problem of racism in this country, and unaware of how four centuries of it have damaged you psychologically, physically and humanistically. But you know that

City News Opinion Poll

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Results will be published in the next issue of City News.

you are not racist. You know that your skepticism of white people is justified. For don't most of them either abuse you racially, or condone this behavior in other whites who do?

Trapped, pressured, afraid, poor, ignored and abused. That's how you feel. Hopeless. You have enough of racism in your life that this condition is going to get worse. There is no chance in America that racism will ever go away. If whites knew the depth of your anger, they would probably arrest all blacks immediately.

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Haitian officials detain 154 refugees after U.S. repatriation

by William Reed

WASHINGTON—While black issues were getting shunned at the Republican National Convention, and the American community's media attention was being focused on the events in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti's police detained 154 Haitian refugees after the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Confedance had stopped them in international waters and taken them back to their homeland. These were the first Haitians sent back

to Port-au-Prince since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision allowing President Bush's directive that Haitians seeking to reach the U.S. be turned back even without a hearing to determine if they would face political persecution or retaliation upon their return. The president's policy on Haiti has caused many blacks in leadership roles to question if the Haitians are treated as such simply because they are black.

African-Americans were not on the Republicans' agenda at the convention in Houston; they didn't get a domestic agenda item to their liking, or even a favorable

foreign policy commitment on an issue as hotly contested as the situation concerning blacks in Haiti.

Even Condoleezza Rice, former national security advisor to Bush, who spoke so eloquently about "European" foreign policy, did not promote black-oriented issues to Bush and his advisors. Bush's domestic agenda for blacks has been lacking and Haiti has put a dent in his foreign policy accomplishment, separating his administration from the black community.

Over 30,000 Haitians have been picked up at sea and returned to their Caribbean

nation in the 10 months since the September 30, 1991 military coup, which caused the democratically-elected Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to be forced out of his country. The boat people of Haiti continue to seek asylum in the U.S. to get away from the military's control, but there are reports of a growing popular demand inside Haiti for Aristide's return.

Aristide has formed a ten-member presidential commission to "repare" negotiations for his return to Haiti. The main goal of the commission is to negotiate for the presence of the Organization of American

States (OAS) and United Nations (UN) civilian observers, so that President Aristide can return to Haiti and finalize the negotiations. The commission also seeks the active support of the Vatican and Bush administration to return Aristide to presidential functions in his country.

Many Washington observers note that the Bush administration has the power to push these negotiators closer to the table, but instead of adopting policies more favorable towards black, here and there, the administration elects to simply intimidate the Haitians and show them how unwelcome they are.

Millions of African-Americans still unregistered to vote

by Theresa White

SAVANNAH, GA.—Legendary Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was imprisoned dozens of times, targeted for character assassination by the FBI, and ultimately murdered because he led the fight to make it possible for millions of African-Americans to register to vote.

But, in King's native Georgia, during the July 21 election primaries, 602,000 unregistered voting age African-Americans sat on the political sidelines.

In fact, of the state's 1,397,000

voting age blacks, only 795,000 were registered by the deadline for voting in the July 21 primaries.

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, who was one of the keynote speakers at the July Democratic National Convention in New York City, said that those statistics are cause for alarm.

"In Georgia, the numbers disturb me," Jackson said. "We have enough unregistered voters to elect a governor or a U.S. senator. It's time to vote," Jackson declared.

Jackson said there are millions of unregistered voting age African-Americans who need to be put on the voting rolls before the November 3 general election.

"There needs to be a massive voter registration drive," which Jackson said he is promoting in speeches everywhere he goes.

Savannah NAACP President Curtis Cooper supports Jackson's belief that the vote is too powerful a weapon to go unused by blacks.

According to Cooper, those who have refused to register have given several reasons, including apathy, no desire to serve on jury duty, and mistrust of the political system.

Cooper said that unregistered blacks "must finally be convinced that their one vote does count," and that "the system can be changed

when enough of us decide that we're going to cause our votes and force it to change."

Since the Democratic National Convention, Jackson has crisscrossed the nation campaigning for various candidates and motivating African-Americans to register and to vote.

Urging African-Americans to use their votes to help rebuild America, Jackson recalled the Woody and hard-fought battle to win that right: "For this right to vote, we died too young."

"For this right to vote, we bled too much. For this right to vote, we suffered too long."

'School's open — Drive carefully'

FLORHAM PARK—On this particular morning and every morning for the next nine months, school buses, crossing guards and children on foot or their bicycles will be crossing in your driving path on their way to and from school.

According to Paul Kielblock, safety manager for the Florham Park based AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, "Children see the world differently than adults because they're shorter, they can't see around a parked car or over tall shrubbery. Younger children don't have a fully developed sense of judgment and therefore have difficulty making split-second traf-

fic safety decisions and assessing gaps in traffic. They're usually in a hurry and are easily influenced by older children and adults." Although children learn to obey basic traffic safety rules, Kielblock says that back-to-school safety ultimately rests with the motorist.

Motorists should slow down in residential areas and near schools, obey traffic signs and signals, and be alert to the directions of police officers and adult crossing guards. Unposted otherwise, the speed limit in residential areas is 25 miles per hour. Look for clues that warn of children in the area such as playgrounds, bikes, and school buses.

Newark schools implement recycling program

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Searge James welcomed Newark's Public Schools to the city's recycling effort as he received notification that the school district is certainly the largest — will implement a massive recycling collection plan this September.

"With facilities in every neighborhood, a student body of almost 50,000 and a very large staff, the Newark Public Schools is certainly the largest local institution to acknowledge its responsibility to the environment and recycle," Mayor James said.

"In doing so, our schools are making a real contribution to reducing the amount of trash generated in Newark, easing the burden on crowded landfills and lowering demand for raw natural resources." Executive Superintendent of Schools Eugene C. Campbell informed Mayor James and his Blue Ribbon Recycling Advisory Committee that all school cafeteria kitchens will participate in the recycling effort, as will the districts repair and maintenance facility, its warehouse/depository, and its State Street offices.

According to Campbell, glass bottles and jars and metal cans generated in cafeteria kitchens at a total of 80 sites will be separated from regular trash and stored in designated recycling containers.

The district has awarded a contract to Essex Recycled Fibers of Newark to collect and recycle the selected materials.

The frequency of collection will range from twice a week at some sites to five times per week at Newark's large high schools.

Joseph Verga, chairman of Newark's Blue Ribbon Recycling Advisory Committee (BRAC), praised the district for its efforts.

He also urged the Newark Board of Education to follow up its cafeteria collection by getting students involved in recycling and by developing an environmental curriculum for youth.

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Reflections on labor

As we celebrated labor day, we saw media images of those who many consider the pioneers of the labor movement. They were those who wanted fair pay for honest, consistent and diligent work. As we enjoy the last days of summer, maybe we should think more about what this holiday means to us.

The American people are at a crossroads today, unsure of the direction we must follow if we are to continue our proud legacy of labor. Labor in all its many forms must be revisited in order to understand its simplicity and its rewards.

In the workforce, we must look to maintain and increase our jobs in manufacturing by building quality products at affordable costs. Labor and management must begin to see themselves on the same continuum headed for the same goal.

In the market, paper transactions are creating wealth for a few while the majority barely hold on riding the waves of inflation and recession. In a strong market, wealth is created on the basis of real labor causing businesses to grow, expand and increase profits. Our markets once again should reflect gains based on substantive growth not the whims of buy and sell orders.

In corporate America, those who labor to bring viable initiatives that reflect social as well as financial responsibility, should be rewarded instead of those who simply know how to manipulate the system.

In our schools, physical and mental labor should be taught as well as practiced. Everyone knows that study and learning are expected in the school environment. However, pride in oneself and the environment comes from students having some responsibility for the appearance and maintenance of their schools. Both are important for students to practice.

In our homes, the elders of the family are responsible for providing examples and giving guidance through building generations who understand the importance of labor and its fruits.

The term "labor" should return to its rightful place of respect in our vocabulary and society. After all, it was through the labor of natives, settlers, slaves, pioneers and immigrants that made this country great.

Incumbents are entitled to performance rewards

by Charles E. Belle

"Poppa may have, Momma may have, but God bless the child that's got his own," soulfully sings the late great Billie Holiday. The Grand Old Party of the Republic is reminiscing about how it has held the White House by making America able to stand alone at the top of the military/industrial complex. What a record since Ronald Reagan and the current crop took office.

Often criticized for their courageous stands against communism at any cost, collectively, they account for all the accomplishments and failures of this nation since 1980. It is upon this background that their party presents once again their multi-millionaire candidate for President of the United States.

The man with the longest re'sume' in Washington wishes to return to the White House. He can point with pride that he has been a part of or around every major Republican party decision for a dozen years. These policies have put more millionaires in his mother country than any other previous

Presidents.

People may be some what concerned that the country has a higher unemployment rate, bankruptcy rate, and broken home rate than when he and his running buddy ran for office back in 1980. Nevertheless, more men and women are working than when this winning twosome took the White House Republican. "Reagan's 'rogamis' hadn't hit the streets' homeless back then either, but they are in growing numbers now.

Nothing, not even our own homeless natives, can stop the anti-communist fight of this nation's past and current Presidential leadership. Letting the U.S. infrastructure deteriorate to the point of hours-long traffic jams and drug-controlled neighborhoods are of little concern to these communist combatants. Cash for former communist comes first. Forget funding for U.S. education as state colleges and universities turn away students for lack of state and federal funds. Find a loan from a bank; after all, interest rates are half as low as those under Democratic President Jimmy Carter's years. Yet, no one in their right mind will

by Connie Woodruff

Political insiders in Trenton swear on a stack of bibles it's a done deal for Essex Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush to succeed Commissioner Melvin (Randy) Primus head of the Department of Community Affairs as we go to press August 5th.

Assemblywoman Bush has been popular with her legislative colleagues from day one. We can remember how starry-eyed and excited she was to be one of the legislators chosen to escort then Governor Tom Harkin to the podium to give his State-of-the-State address. That was quite an honor for a first time elected official and Ms. Bush carried out her assignment with savoir-faire.

She will be chief honcho of Community Affairs at a time the department is "biting the bullet" of the Trenton budget cut. Community Affairs is everything the name implies: a state government department all about people and their most ba-

sic needs that require money (sometimes lots of it) to make programs effective, productive and meaningful for people services.

But it is also a department that will give her high visibility offer her an opportunity to showcase her skills as an attorney and mediator and administrator. That will compensate for the normal run-of-the-mill day-to-day headaches that are traditional for today's elected and appointed officials.

Meantime, Randy Primus leaves Community Affairs with no regrets for a Cherry Hill bank that allegedly made him an offer he couldn't refuse and so he'll ride off into the South Jersey sunset with pockets jingling and a smile on his face as his predecessor, Lennie Coleman, now Assistant Commissioner of Baseball.

Needless to say rumors are flying hot and heavy about who will move into Bush's Assembly seat.

It's a foregone conclusion that person will come out of the East Orange Democratic Party ranks although someone from Montclair (now in her Assem-

ly district) could get the nod. It's far-fetched, but former Montclair Mayor Bob Jackson's name has mentioned (casually to be sure), as a remote possibility.

However, if the choice to fill the vacancy is left up to East Orange mayor Cardell Cooper, we can't imagine him recommending someone who is not home grown.

Therefore, it makes sense when folks like the following are suggested: Lorna K. Johnson, a strong Cooper ally; Ralph Harris (it might surprise her not to run against the mayor next year); Quilla Talmadge, E.O. council president; Lewis Miles (nobody really thinks he's happy with his job at the E.O.

Golf Club; Cathy Willis (who it's sometimes better to have as a friend rather than an enemy); and Stephen Thomas (who like Harris, would like to move on to a more visible public office).

Of course in his role as Essex County Democratic Chairman, Tom D'Alessio could reserve the right to name Bush's successor and that would make it a brand new ball game.

In that case, some of the folks to watch could include Mr. Jackson, councilwoman Audrey Fletcher and the woman she succeeded on the council, Bobbie Reilly and newly elected councilman Bob Russo, a veteran of many Democratic wars. And let's not forget the Clerk to the Freeholders, Adrienne Davis, lives and presumably votes, in Montclair.

Then again we know politicians who move into an area to take advantage of a political opportunity and to satisfy eligibility requirements. Several folks come to mind when we think about this maneuver that was successful for one guy and bad news for the other. It's an expensive gamble without an ironclad guarantee but well worth the price if you're a winner.

The two counties with the best records for this political switch 'n bait tactic are Hudson and Essex.

It's about that time of year when brothers and sisters throughout the state get the urge to head about the state of Black Folks.

Therefore, the place to be from Sept. 16-20 is the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in East Brunswick for the 1992 New Jersey Black Issues Convention (BIC).

This is BIC's 10th anniversary and Chairman Donald Tucker, a Newark councilman-at-large, deserves accolades for bringing the organization and

its active and non-active members to this point.

This year's conference theme, "NJIBC: 10 Years and Beyond," is symbolic of the struggle which African-American people have endured in the past and must continue in the future, Tucker noted in UP-DATE, the official newsletter.

Tucker also candidly admits blacks in New Jersey face many of the problems they did when BIC was organized in the 1980's noting "Society categorizes us according to our social/economic status, occupation, political views and where we live, then subsequently pits the interest of the middle class against the interests of the poor, urban against suburban, conservative/moderate against liberal thinking, union worker against non-union worker, and employed against unemployed."

In short according to BIC's pragmatic leader, racism continues to separate black people in New Jersey and nationwide from mainstream America and the rights and opportunities to which we, as American citizens, are entitled.

Since this is a presidential year BIC should be exploring the Democratic and Republican teams who want to occupy the White House. And participants should bring a shopping list or at least a wish list to be presented to the delegates who will speak for President Bush and Governor Clinton.

Those who will be speaking for the presidential candidates have already taken an oath of loyalty. We must assume the delegates are satisfied they have made the best choice.

Fine. But what about the rest of us? Once again (for the 10th year) BIC is giving black voices a chance to be heard. Remember Langston Hughes, a philosopher as well as poet said, "Sometimes it's just plain yellow."

It's time for America to redefine success

by Marian Wright Edelman

While watching the two political party conventions this summer, I've thought about what would say if I had the chance to give the keynote address at one of them.

My message to Democrats and Republicans would be the same: I would tell them that we face a struggle in the 1990s for the conscience and the future of America.

The battles may not be as dramatic as Gettysburg or Vietnam or Desert Storm, but they will shape America's place in the 21st century.

America is at war at home. As Communism is collapsing all around the world, the American dream is collapsing for millions of families, youths and children all around America.

We are in danger of becoming two nations: one of First World privilege and another of Third World deprivation, while a beleaguered middle-class barely hangs on.

Tragically, America has allowed our children to become the poorest citizens. Nearly thirteen and a half million American children—a majority of whom are in working families—live in poverty in 1989. That's more than the entire population of Los Angeles.

Two full years of recession later, the number is surely even higher today.

America's high child poverty rate is not a fact of God or an unavoidable fact-of-life in a modern, urban society.

It is highly unusual, and it is a conscious political and ethical choice that America has made.

Our children are poor from two to 14 times more frequently than children in other countries that are our allies and economic competitors—Australia, Canada, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom.

Why does the richest nation on earth refuse to give all its children a fair start in life?

What does it say about our values that we still spend nearly \$300 billion on the military but will not keep our children safe in their homes, on their streets, in their schools?

I welcome that long overdue and much needed debate about values in America.

The breakdown of moral and family values is pervasive. And it is personal and public; individual and corporate; rich and poor; black, brown and white; Democratic and Republican.

The standard for success for too many Americans has become personal greed rather than common good. The standard for achievement has been "getting by" rather than making an extra effort.

Our children are struggling to grow up in an ethically polluted nation where instant sex without responsibility, instant gratification without effort, instant solutions without sacrifice, getting rather than giving, and hoarding rather than sharing are the too-frequent messages from our mass media popular culture and political life.

Isn't it time we gave our children an alternative message of caring and concern and responsibility?

If we are going to repair our frayed family, community, social and economic fabric and rebuild a common sense of responsibility for America's future, every American

including our political leaders, must redefine success in the 1990s.

The question is "how much can I get?" but "how much can I do without and share?"

All Americans must try to remember and strengthen the values that have held us together as a nation: fairness, honesty, hope and concern for the future.

Our political leaders should set

the tone in their platforms and their policies to honor these values if our nation is to weather the crisis that threatens our future.

But they can't just talk about values. They must practice them.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

Quote of the Week

"It's time to vote... For this right to vote, we died to young. For this right to vote, we bled too much. For this right to vote, we suffered too long."

Rev. Jesse Jackson

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On the drum beat

It's all about respect

by Ewurase Oseyande

...the writer's pen is on the pulse of the city streets; keeping the reader in tune with what is new and necessary. Information is POWER. The Drum stands as the historic means of communication. History is our guide. We must reflect and learn from our past as we face the future with our feet firmly planted in the present. In this state of mind our youth will be victorious as they face the challenge of being all they are destined to be.

One day in the middle of summer, I had the rare opportunity to witness a very disturbing transaction. It was a typical hot day in the city. I was riding down a street when I pulled up to the corner where a group of four young Black men were standing, talking about what young men talk about. As they were in the heat of their discussion a young Black woman walked by. One of the guys

gestured in her direction. She returned the signal and continued to walk down the block. As she was nearing the corner, one of the boys yelled to her: "hey ... Hey ... HEY!" At this the young woman stopped in her tracks, turned around, pointed to herself and commenced to walk back to the group of guys standing on the corner. By this time the light had turned green and I was on my way up the street.

For the remainder of that day my mind was not at ease. I kept thinking about how disrespectful that altercation was.

And what hurt me even more was the fact that the young woman, who was about 19 years old, was not offended by the action.

She apparently saw nothing wrong with that guy addressing her in that manner. Now I am aware that this kind of thing happens all the time on our city streets and in our homes, but that does not make it acceptable.

Of the many problems that plague our community, the expression of our feelings towards one another is

definitely a critical one. And in analyzing the cause of its effects we may find the answer to many of the other problems as well.

The way we treat each other can be down right disgusting at times. We seem to have lost all respect for each other. Many of us do not understand that when we disrespect our own we are disrespecting ourselves. Our lack of respect comes from a lack of understanding about ourselves and our heritage.

The way we think and feel about our neighbors is a direct result of how we think and feel about ourselves. If that "brother" on the street corner understood the richness of his heritage and the role that women have played in the making of that heritage he would not have addressed his "sister" in that manner.

But instead, the messages he receives from society about Black women are negative, and these are the thoughts that control his mind and guide his actions.

In our community many of our people send their elders to old folks

homes and would rather go to the movies than go to the library or the museum. Then we have the nerve to wonder why children bad mouth their parents and hang in the streets.

Until we are ready to deal directly with the truth of where we are and where we need to be, our young men will continue to disrespect our young women, and wholesome, productive relationships will be a thing that we just sit around and talk about.

Young Black Woman, Young Black Man feel the congo rhythm rising in your soul.

See the dark dexterity in your mind. This is your heritage, this is your legacy. And for it, you ought not be ashamed.

Respect comes when you respect yourself. Your Self is the total embodiment of who you are and what you represent.

The bricks that you now stand on were laid upon a foundation that was built in the heart of Africa at the beginning of recorded time. This is the complete you.

Therefore in order to truly under-

Federal science scholarships available

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year; plan to attend a college or university in 1993-94; and plan to continue their studies in science—other than the medical and allied health professions—mathematics or engineering.

Candidates for the scholarship must send their applications, post marked by September 23, 1992, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Applications are available at local public and non-public high schools and from the NJ Department of Education's Bureau of Curriculum and Technology, CN 500 Trenton, NJ 08625. For more information call the bureau at 609-984-1971.

stand who you are, you must first understand that which came before you and made the road on which you now walk.

Next week: "Learning to Love"

Ewurase Oseyande is founder and operator of Talking Drum Communications, a program set up to inform the African-American community using the visual, oral and written modes of communication.

Preparation is the key for success in school

HOBOKEN—Students can take decisive steps to prepare for the challenges of a new school year, says Dr. Karl H. Springob, Director of Psychological Studies and of the Student Counseling Service at Stevens Institute of Technology.

"To make the most of (the school year), students need to adopt some simple organizational tools and management techniques," Springob says. These management tools are the single most important skill students can learn to cope with school, according to Springob. To manage heavy workloads, Springob offers this advice:

- Plan blocks of time for studying, sleeping, meals, exercise and recreation.

- Put this schedule on a weekly calendar, building in flex time for work that takes longer than expected and for other unforeseen circumstances.

- Keep track of long-range assignments, such as term papers and exam periods, that will require advance preparation. The most effective learning takes place over a longer period of time, not during last-minute cramming.

- Supplement this schedule with a "to do" list headed by the most important tasks. The list will keep even the most easily distracted on track by helping set and meet priorities.

According to Springob, many students need to reform their study habits. To get the most from study time, he suggests the following:

- Where study takes place can make a difference. Choose a quiet, well-lit place that's free of such distractions as television or the telephone.

- Learn to say "no." Stick to study plans, even if friends are going bowling or out for pizza. Sticking to the schedule will allow for both progress in class and plenty of time out for fun.

- Before beginning a reading assignment, review the material. For example, read the chapter title and introduction, as well as headings, subheadings, boldfaced words, chapter summary and review questions.

- Review notes as soon as possible after class. Highlight notes that seem particularly important. Go over notes at least once a week to keep the information fresh.

- Exams require special preparation. Ask the instructor what material will be covered and what format the test will take. Try to predict questions and prepare answers to those questions. If possible, look up copies of old exams to get an idea of what may be on the exam. Review notes and highlighted sections of text.

- Don't cram; students who stay up all night before may be disoriented the next day. Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam.

- With a little organization and effort, students can master the steps for proper time management, study habits and stress prevention," Springob concludes. "When they do, they'll be well on the way to a successful (school year)."



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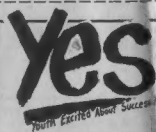
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BLOOMFIELD — Legendary cabaret singer Blossie Short will perform at Bloomfield College where he will headline "Short & Uptown," the school's second annual cabaret. The show will be joined by the Uptown String Quartet. For more information call Paula Craig at 201-748-9000.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

PERTH AMBOY — The Cathedral Second Baptist Church will host the Eighth Annual Kingdom Men of Valor Conference. On this day at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Martin Eades from Nashville, TN will present a lecture. The Conference entitled "Setting the Example II" will last until Sunday, October 4. For more information call 908-754-1352.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

PERTH AMBOY — The Kingdom Men of Valor Conference continues with a lecture presentation by The Rev. Granger Brownlee, Jr. from Fort Washington, Maryland. The conference is scheduled to last until Sunday, October 4. For more information call 908-754-1352.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

PERTH AMBOY — The Kingdom Men of Valor Conference concludes with a worship celebration led by The Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward, Esq. at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. This evening at 6 p.m. there will be an annual fire of passage service led by the Rev. Big Brother Ministry.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

PERTH AMBOY — The Kingdom Men of Valor Conference continues with lectures and workshops. The days activities last from 9 a.m. to the afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Buster Stogdole is scheduled to speak at 12:30 p.m. And in a special session, The Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts III is scheduled to speak at 3:00 p.m. For more information call 908-754-1352.

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Newark Education Council announces local fund

NEWARK — The Newark Education Council (NEC) is launching its Local Education Fund. Designed to support innovative ideas from teachers, parents and students while increasing the support for public education by Newark's small business community, the Local Education Fund (LEF) will award grants, ranging from \$50.00 to \$500.00, to selected proposals.

The Newark Education Council designed its Local Education Fund with the help of the Public Education Fund Network, a national technical assistance resource which assists new local education foundations to become established.

The Newark Board of Education supports the fund with representatives who serve on the LEF Advisory Board.

In order to qualify for a grant, interested teachers, parents or students can request a grant application from Newark Education Council by calling (201) 624-7995, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications are available at the Newark Education Council office at 48 Broad Street, 4th floor, Newark, 07102 or at the Newark Board of Education Grants Development Office, 2 Cedar Street.

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, Oct. 9. Awardees will be publicly announced in late December.

Elderly fastest growing segment of population

by Dr. Joyce Berry

The latest Census Bureau data reveals that the elderly are the fastest growing segment of our population. Today 42 million Americans are 60 years or older.

Many are healthy, have modest or better incomes, are caring members of their families, and are contributing citizens of their communities.

Also, today there are many older persons at risk of losing their self-sufficiency. There are older persons living alone who are physically or mentally impaired, abused, neglected, exploited, or are living alone without a caregiver to assist

them when in need.

At special risk are those older persons who are poor or are living just above the poverty line, particularly older women and minority elderly.

The elderly minority community is expected to grow 247 percent between 1990 and 2030 while the older white population is expected to grow by 92 percent.

By the year 2030 the minority population will represent 25 percent of the total 65 and older population.

Additionally, the elderly population as a whole has a higher poverty rate than the balance of the adult population. In 1989 the poverty rate among black elderly people

(30.8 percent) was more than triple that of white elderly people (9.6 percent).

This changing demographic pattern forebodes a strain on the nation's capacity to provide older people, especially those in the minority communities, the services they need to maintain their independence.

In my role as the United States Commissioner on Aging at the Administration on Aging, I launched the National Eldercare Campaign in 1991.

The goals of the National Eldercare campaign are to mobilize and coordinate new resources to provide the home and community based services that keep older people

self-sufficient and to increase the number of people and organizations involved in meeting the needs of vulnerable, older Americans.

The Project CARE (Community Action to Reach the Elderly) identifies the sources of strength in each community and builds on them by reaching out to new individuals, corporations and organizations in order to form community coalitions.

The National Council of Negro Women, is an example of an organization which has responded to the Eldercare campaign by organizing a community volunteer support network, NCNW HONOR.

This program promotes community awareness of the needs of the elderly in neighborhoods and effects changes in the quality of life for elderly caregivers and receivers in five cities: Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York City, and Rulesville, Miss.

The National Eldercare campaign and its Project Care deserve your support and the support of your community.

Join the numerous individuals, agencies and organizations who are committed to making a difference in the lives of older Americans at risk today and in the future.

Please help make aging something we can all look forward to with confidence and security.

Dr. Joyce Berry has been the United States Commissioner on Aging since 1990. For more information, contact 1-800-677-1116.



Leonard Clark (left) is one of eight graduates of "Moving Up," a pilot program sponsored by Local 68, the Newark Board of Education and the Partnership Against Illiteracy. The Moving Up Program is designed to improve the literacy, language and job skills of members of Local 68 who are employed by the Newark Board of Education. Pictured with Clark are (L-R) Samuel Comissor, President of Partnership Against Illiteracy; Laurie Anne Rossmelle, Director of Operations for PAI; and Thomas P. Giblin, President of Local 68 IUOE.

Walk or Run for Muhlenberg walkathon

PLAINFIELD — Miles for Muhlenberg, a five mile walkathon, children's fun run and free health fair, will be held Sunday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Proceeds from the event, sponsored by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, will benefit the hospital's Cardiac Care Program. The walkathon will begin and end at the Muhlenberg Employee Parking Lot at Randolph Road. The fee is \$5 if you register prior to the event and \$7 on the day.

Call the Muhlenberg Foundation at (908) 668-2025 for application. T-shirts will be given to the first 350 pre-registrars.

After School Program Expands

PLAINFIELD — Woodland School joins the list of Plainfield schools beginning an on-site after school program on September 9. Other schools participating in the program, running from 2:30 until 6 p.m., every complete school day are Clinton, Cook, Emerson, Evergreen, Jefferson and Washington. Information call 908-755-6552.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

NEW YORK—The Manhattan Theatre Club will present the New York Theatre Workshop production of *City of Women's Men* from beginning Sept. 22 at the Center Stage. The play will be performed until November 15. For more information call 212-681-1212.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BLOOMFIELD—Legendary singer and Bob Dylan will perform at Bloomfield College where he will headline "Shirley & Ursula." The college's annual annual Gala Benefit. Show will be joined by the Upstart String Quartet. For more information call 201-744-0000.

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by Lisa Collins

Life beyond the fairytales?
That's what 30-year-old animation director Bruce Smith would like to prove with the new Paramount release, "Bebe's Kids."

The movie is an animated comedy based on characters created by the late Robin Harris. It is the first animated theatrical film with exclusively African-American characters as principals, featuring the voices of Vanessa Bell Calloway, Tone Loc, and Nell Carter. According to Harris' widow, Eketta, "Bebe's Kids" originated in an Oakland comedy club when a woman began heckling him in the midst of his stand-up.

He, in turn, called her one of Bebe's kids—fictional kids based on the people he'd known with misbehaving kids. The routine became one of Harris' most popular

and famed. After filming "House Party" with Reginald & Warrington Hudlin, plans were drafted for a live-action film about "Bebe's Kids" with Robin.

Then Harris, just 35 tragically died of a heart attack after performing his stand-up comedy routine in Chicago.

"I didn't want the Robin's vision to pass away," says Reginald Hudlin (who also wrote the script), "but we couldn't imagine anyone playing the part of him in a movie."

The solution? Animation. Cast at the voice of Harris is 24-year-old, Faizon Love, who was spotted doing skits of Robin Harris at a Harlem nightclub.

Says Love: "Robin is that uncle that comes to the barbecue and he's gonna talk about everybody. And don't let him get no liquor in him, cause aw man!"

The pressure was on for Bruce Smith to bring Harris back to life on

screen. "Especially," adds Smith, "from the standpoint of making something true to the audience that responded to Robin. The best thing about this film is it plays both to adults and kids."

Speaking of comedians, one of the late Harris' role models, Richard Pryor, surprised everyone with his recent appearance on stage at the 20th Anniversary of LA's famed "Comedy Store."

Pryor arose to a standing ovation to tell of his battle against Multiple Sclerosis as well he could—getting laughs out of his condition.

Though noticeably frail, he showed that he still had what it took, leaving the stage to an overwhelming standing ovation....And money is what actor-comedian David Aron Grier hopes to get from "Bebe's Kids" producers as he attempts to re-negotiate his contract.

Grier might become a potential holdout if his demands aren't met before the show (on hiatus) resumes production August 17. Grier currently seen in "Boomerang."

next month. Originally dubbed "Volume," he's renamed the new monthly, "Vibe." The old name conflicted with a pre-existent British publication that had a major U.S. expansion in the works.

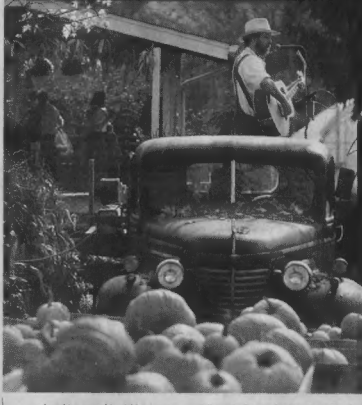
By the way: Rapster Freedom Williams won't have his day in court against his former C&M Music Factory Producers, David Cole and

Robert Cliviles. The legal action from has been withdrawn as all involved have reached an amicable settlement. Williams, signed to Sony Records as a solo artist, can now instead concentrate his energies on his solo debut, which is slated for release in early fall....Next week: a look at the power of black film gods.



Two unknowns, Ann Orkin (Woodard), and Betty Lou Perkins (Miller, center right), are suddenly thrown into the spotlight when a murder is committed. A Touchstone Pictures presentation of an Interscope Communications production, in association with New Line Babcock & Brown, "The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag" is directed by Allan Moyle from a screenplay written by Grace Cary Bickley. The film is produced by Scott Kroppel and co-produced by Hal Halberstadt, Ted Field and Robert W. Cortare executive producers. Buena Pictures distributes. Photo by Suzanne Tenner

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ATLANTIC CITY — A reception and dinner honoring the members of the New Jersey Legislature will be held at the New Orleans Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. Reception for both the special ANTI-TRUST trial and the Atlantic City and dinner will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

UNION — NJ United Minority Business Brain Trust, Inc. sponsors "Marketing Effectively to the Private Sector" presented by Mr. Patricia Cox, Purchasing Director, AT&T. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at AT&T 650 Liberty Avenue. For more information call 908-246-3332.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

SOMERSET — The 20th annual New Jersey Environmental Exposition for Business and Industry will be held October 19-21 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, New Jersey. The show will feature regulations, industry experts and seminar workshops on relevant issues. For more information call 201-379-1100.

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Business opportunities exist in Caribbean

U.S. Congressman William Green is expected to deliver the keynote address on how small, medium-sized, minority and women owned businesses in New York State can use the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI-II) and President Bush's New Enterprise for the Americas Initiative (EAI) to profit from export sales to the Caribbean and Latin America at a seminar hosted by the National Minority Business Council and Caribbean Business Development Group, Inc. on Tuesday, October 27th, 1992 at Pfizer World Headquarters in New York City.

Congressman Edolphus "Ed" Towns will be the keynote speaker at an afternoon session. For information and a free brochure on the event call 212-573-2301.

The U.S. Government is already providing various incentives like the CBI-II, the EAI and section 936 financing out of Puerto Rico which are available to encourage and stimulate increased Trade and investment with over 30 Caribbean and Latin American countries.

The proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will offer new opportunities for the small and medium-sized business sector in the United States to develop profitable export/import ventures.

Venezuela's Ambassador, Guillermo Herrera and Consulate General of Trinidad &

Tobago Leari Rousseau will discuss joint ventures and investment opportunities for small and mid-sized businesses with their respective countries.

Other speakers will include representatives from New York State Department of Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration (SBA).

The Port Authority of New York New Jersey, Caribbean Business Development Group, Inc., Chemical Bank, the Export/Import Bank of the United States, the Business Development Services Section of the World Bank and New York companies that are exporting to the Caribbean and Latin America, U.S. Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin recently noticed that "U.S. exports to developing nations are booming, accounting for 91 percent of overall U.S. export growth" in 1992.

The growth in exports to the Caribbean and Latin America, plus businesses in the United States, and in particular small, medium-sized, minority and women owned businesses, in a unique position to capitalize on export/import trade and investment in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The seminar is timely since the sale of manufactured goods is lagging nationwide in a recession which currently shows no sign of immediate improvement in the overall sales picture.

Overseas sales, therefore, of goods and services produced in New York and the nation as a whole will create and maintain jobs for Americans and can lower the unemployment rate which is approaching 10 percent for the entire state.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has said that for every \$1 billion of export sales, 22,000 jobs are created or maintained in America. The Caribbean and Latin America should therefore be targeted by the small business sector.

According to Caribbean Business Development Group's publication, New Business Opportunities Guide To The Caribbean Basin "How To Export, Import, And Invest In The Caribbean," figures from the Department of Commerce show that, in 1990, U.S. Exports to Caribbean and Latin American countries totaled \$33.5 billion, an increase of \$19 billion, or 55 percent, from \$34.5 billion of export sales in 1987.

U.S. exports to the Caribbean and Latin America have increased by over \$6 billion or 19 percent annually for the three year period.

New York's share of exports to the Caribbean and Latin America, however, have increased 33 percent for the same period from \$1.8 billion of exports in 1987 to \$2.4 billion in 1990.

Export sales from New York to the Car-

ibbean and Latin America have increased 11 percent or \$197 million more annually between 1987 and 1990. Should this trend continue, by 1995, New York businesses will be exporting \$1 billion more than in 1990.

The objective of the seminar is to encourage small and mid-sized companies in New York to capture their share of the extra \$1 billion of new export sales projected for the Caribbean and Latin America by 1995.

The seminar is designed to encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs who are looking to start new export/import ventures and those firms and individuals that are currently engaged in or have the potential for exporting or importing a product or service and is thinking of expanding into overseas sales.

Combined, NAFTA, the EAI and CBI-II provide unlimited opportunities for the small and medium-sized business sector to contribute to improving America's balance of trade with the rest of the world if these businesses become more involved in exporting American made products overseas.

The Caribbean and Latin America, therefore, are attractive marketplaces for small businesses in New York to develop profitable export/import ventures. Major corporate sponsors are: Pfizer Inc., and Caribbean Business Development Group, Inc.

Beware of offers of easy money

By Emma Byrne

In hard times, offers of easy money sound tempting, don't they?

Loan scams advertising easy credit are popping up all over New Jersey. Their targets? People with bad credit histories who can't get loans. Their newspaper advertisements say that everyone qualifies for a loan, no matter how bad your credit.

If you call their 800 number, they'll approve you over the phone for a loan. Then they'll tell you to send them up to \$250 to "secure" the loan. Or they'll say that "\$250" is the first payment in advance.

Once these con artists have your money, they disappear. In the meantime, they've strung you along for a

few months. You've called, and they've reassured you that these things take time. Then the next time you call, the phone's been disconnected.

One such operation in New Jersey took in more than a million dollars in just a few short months! In fact, Consumer Affairs is investigating more than a half-dozen scams.

Now, thanks to legislation signed recently by Governor Jim Florio, advance-fee loan rip-offs can be swiftly put out of business before they can harm great numbers of consumers.

Why have these swindles been so successful? Well, as a result of this lingering national recession, credit is tight. People with bad credit

histories have little if any chance of obtaining personal loans.

We hear some sad stories at Consumer Affairs. One victim of this scam needed money to pay medical bills. Another needed a consolidation loan. Most consumers thought these loans would be the answer to their prayers. They couldn't afford to lose \$25, much less \$250.

But consumers can protect themselves. I've said before that if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Here's what else to be wary of:

• A business that claims a bad credit rating is no problem.

• A business that immediately guarantees you a loan. Legitimate lending institutions take days and

weeks, not hours, to check out your credit history.

• A business that uses an 800- or 900-telephone number. We've also seen credit card scams that operate behind a 900-number.

Make sure you demand detailed information — in writing — about any loan.

And as a result of the new law signed by the governor, it is illegal for any loan broker to charge advance fees for an application unless the broker is licensed and regulated by the New Jersey Department of Banking.

When in doubt, check them out. You can find out if a company has a complaint history by calling Consumer Affairs' Action Line at 201-504-6200.

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